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In re Patent Application of

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Examiner: T3AI, Carol

Date: June 13, 2006

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO EX-PARTE QUAYLE ACTION**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment previously paid for	5 20	minus highest number (at least 20) =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202)	\$ 0.00	
Independent claims after amendment previously paid for	1 3	minus highest number (at least 3) =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201)	\$ 0.00	
If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add					\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203)	\$ 0.00	
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s)							
One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)							
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Five Month Extensions \$2160.00 (1255)/\$1080.00 (2255)							\$ 0.00
Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add					\$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814)	\$ 0.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims "small entity" status. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement filed herewith							
Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee					\$180.00 (1806)	\$ 180.00	
Assignment Recording Fee					\$40.00 (8021)	\$ 0.00	
Other:					\$ 0.00		

**TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 180.00**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Responsive to the Ex-Parte Quayle Action dated May 12, 2006, Applicants resubmit the attached Information Disclosure Statement with copies of all cited references. Copies of these references are included in the parent application. The cover sheet for this divisional application included a request that all references in the parent application be reviewed and considered in connection with this application. In view of this request and a good faith effort attempt to submit an earlier IDS, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references included in the attached IDS and return a PTO-1449 Form with Examiner's initials indicating that all references have been considered. Other than considering references in the IDS, this application

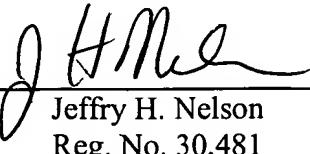
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has been allowed. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued along with a return of the initialed PTO-1449 Form.

Respectfully submitted,

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